

**MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE
WORK SESSION HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021, AT 9:00 A.M. THE MEETING
WAS HELD ELECTRONICALLY, WITHOUT A PHYSICAL LOCATION DUE TO THE
CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND AS AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNOR'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER DATED 18 MARCH 2020**

Members Present: Mayor Mike Peterson, Council Member Scott Bracken, Council Member Tali Bruce, Council Member Christine Mikell, Council Member Douglas Petersen

Staff Present: City Manager Tim Tingey, City Attorney Shane Topham, Records Culture and Human Resources Director Paula Melgar, Community and Economic Development Director Michael Johnson, Public Works Director Matt Shipp, Finance and Administrative Services Director S. Scott Jorges

1. Welcome and Determination – Mayor Peterson.

Mayor Mike Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed those listening. He read in its entirety the declaration giving the Council the authority to hold the meeting via Zoom, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §52-4-207(4).

2. Legislative Update and Discussion with City Lobbyists Mr. Greg Curtis, Mr. Brian Allen, and Ms. Chantel Nate.

City Lobbyist, Brian Allen, presented a Legislative Update and reported on the outstanding issues that remain pertaining to the Accessory Dwelling Unit (“ADU”) Bill and House Bill 98 regarding Building Inspections and the plan review process. The ADU Bill passed the Senate and was returned to the House for concurrence. The deal that was reached remained intact. House Bill 98 included multiple negotiations prior to seeing the Committee. He believed it was far better than the original Bill and is workable. He noted that it still gives cities control over their processes. It was currently in the Senate waiting for action.

The Firearms Preemption Bill was in calendaring at the Senate level. House Bill 422 pertained to exposing the City to civil liability in the event of a riot. It passed the House by a small margin. Mr. Allen believed it would be hung up in calendaring in the Senate.

Senator Cullimore’s permitting Bill was next discussed. Mr. Allen reported that he spent time with Representative Spendlove expressing concerns with the City and the Utah League of Cities and Towns (“ULCT”). The Bill would create additional hoops to jump through along with unnecessary cost and bureaucracy.

Language was added for Cottonwood Canyons funding to House Bill 433 pertaining to transportation and infrastructure.

After much discussion, Mr. Allen stated that House Bill 244 has a fifth substitute that includes an increase of \$50,000 to the previous 15-year annual payment of \$350,000. Payments were to begin in fiscal year 2022.

Mr. Allen reported that House Bill 433 designates \$9 million to the Office of Outdoor Recreation and \$5 million for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, which requires a local match. In order to receive the \$5 million, the City would be required to provide a match of approximately \$3.5 million. He believed the Bill includes non-lapsing language and funds would not have to be used within the fiscal year. It was his understanding that there were no other municipalities interested in pursuing funding for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail at this time. Avenues to pursue funding were discussed.

It was reported the Short-Term Rental Bill was dead. Mr. Allen believed at some point it might be interesting to continue the discussion. He believed that short-term rentals are impacting affordable housing throughout the valley. There was a sense that the short-term rental issue may be removing housing stock from the market, which will make it more difficult to get affordable housing.

Council Member Mikell thanked all three lobbyists and stated that their efforts are invaluable.

3. Adjourn.

MOTION: Council Member Bracken moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bruce. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The Work Session adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Cottonwood Heights City Council Legislative Work Session held Thursday, March 4, 2021.

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